

REMARKS

Pending Claims

Claims 6-17, 23-34, 40-51, 57-68, 74-83, 87-94, 98-105, and 109-116 are pending. Claims 1-5, 18-22, 35-39, 52-56, 69-73, 84-86, 95-97, and 106-108 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 11, 17, 28, 34, 45, 51, 62, 68, 78, 83, 90, 94, 98, 102, 109, and 113 have been amended.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner has not considered the First Office Action issued in Chinese Patent Application No. 200310118628.3, dated May 12, 2006 (with English translation), that Applicant disclosed in the June 14, 2006, Information Disclosure Statement. The Examiner drew a line through this entry and wrote "missing pages" below the entry. However, Applicant has reviewed the Chinese Office action and English translation thereof on Private PAIR (labeled as an NPL Document and dated 06-16-2006) and it appears that all of the pages are present. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner either acknowledge consideration of the Chinese Office action IDS submission or provide a further explanation of which pages are allegedly missing.

Amendments to the Claims and Specification

Claims 11, 17, 28, 34, 45, 51, 62, 68, 78, 83, 90, and 94 have been amended to change the phrase "can be" to "is". Claims 98, 102, 109, and 113 have been amended to add the phrase "computer-readable storage medium storing therein a ...".

The title has been amended to read: "METHOD OF ISSUING AN INTERIM MAIL ADDRESS AND SYSTEM FOR DOING THE SAME".

No new matter has been added by any of the amendments.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification for not having a sufficiently descriptive title. Applicant has amended the title to make it more descriptive of the invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 95-116 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 stand rejected as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 95-97 and 106-108 have been cancelled and thus the rejection of these claims is rendered moot. Independent claims 98, 102, 109, and 113 have been amended to recite “A computer-readable storage medium storing therein a program” Accordingly, Applicants submit that the rejection has been overcome. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 5, 11, and other claims with the phrase “can be” under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. However, as the claims containing “can be” have been either canceled or amended to instead recite “is”, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-116 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Beyda (2003/0233415), Wittke et al. (2004/0059705), Hall (2004/0205173), or Kageyama (2003/0120656). Claims 1-5, 18-22, 35-39, 52-56, 69-73, 84-86, 95-97, and 106-108 have been cancelled without prejudice and thus the rejection of these claims is rendered moot. However, since none of the references discloses all of the elements of the invention as recited in claims 6-17, 23-34, 40-51, 57-68, 74-83, 87-94, 98-105, and 109-116, Applicant respectfully traverses.

A feature of the present invention is that the mail-address recording table includes a mail-address of a user, a mail-address of a mail-receiver, and an interim address in a set. The mail-address recording table in the present invention makes it possible for a user to have an interim mail address for each mail-receiver. This has the advantage to the user that if an interim mail address is leaked with the result of receipt of a lot of junk mails, the rest of the interim mail addresses are not influenced by the leaked interim mail address.

The cited references fail to disclose or suggest a mail-address recording table including a mail-address of a user, a mail-address of a mail-receiver, and an interim address in a set. Accordingly, the cited references cannot provide such an advantage as mentioned above. Thus, the present invention is not anticipated by the cited references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments presented herein, reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. The Examiner is strongly encouraged to contact the undersigned at the phone number below should any issues remain with respect to the application.

No fees are believed due in connection with this response. However if any fees are owed, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1965

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